

WHEREAS, the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention reports that in 2011, more than 1,000 cases of Lyme Disease have been reported; and

WHEREAS, the actual incidence of Lyme Disease is far more than reported; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and education are necessary to educate and promote awareness of Lyme Disease and other tick-borne illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the 124th Maine Legislature enacted Public Law Chapter 494, L.D. 1709, Item 1, An Act To Enhance Public Awareness of Lyme Disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL R. LEPAGE, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the month of May as

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Maine, and urge the public to become aware of the steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of tick-borne illnesses.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this Twenty Sixth day of April Two-Thousand Twelve

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Paul R. LePage Governor

Charles E. Summers, Jr.

Secretary of State

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